

United Methodist Women assembled in the Bradshaw Room at 9:30 for light refreshments, followed by a devotion led by Nancy Stark. President Linda Wilson convened the business meeting at 10:00 a.m. It was devoted primarily to the business of planning activities for the new year.

Business:

Meeting dates for current year--

January 6, February 3, March 1 (p.m.), April 6, May 4, June 7 (p.m.), September 14, October 5, November 1 (p.m.), December 6 (p.m.). With the exceptions of March, June, November and December, the meetings will be held in the morning of each month. Circle 4 will host the refreshment period for February 3. Wesley Women will host the June 7 meeting. Hostesses for the remaining meetings will be announced later. Circle leaders were asked to make a selection for their groups.

Money requests --

The Council on Ministries took a large cut in their proposed budget, therefore that group needs additional funds to carry out proposed programs. The cuts from the church budget were taken in order for our church to pay our conference assessment.

Durham Congregations in Action depend on monies contributed by member churches to support their programs. It is thought that our assessment is about \$2500.

We also have requests for funds to purchase overbed trays for Coble Health Center.

Support is needed for the Duke Work Team to Honduras and for the Ganta Mission school in Liberia.

It has been suggested that we assist the family that will be moving into the Habitat house which Duke Memorial is building.

Ann Stallings suggested that we might want to sponsor a child(ren) for Summer Day Camp.

Amy Kellum asked for support for Results, a group working toward the alleviation of hunger and ending the break between citizens and government.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to delay voting action until we learn more about DCIA activities and funding, the potential amount of money we expect to have available, etc. Additional information will be provided at the February meeting.

Ann Clark reported that she is coordinating the UMW Circle at MRH. Mrs. Elizabeth Clay will serve as chair. Representatives from other churches in the District have agreed to assist with programs.

For our March 1 meeting, Wesley Women will provide a covered dish luncheon, paid for by attendees.

Meta Metcalf led discussion on the subject of birthday parties for the Community Life group. It was suggested that we might do this twice a year instead of monthly, possibly have children from Week-Day School provide entertainment and various Circles provide refreshments. Beulah Latta, a Beard member of the Community Life group, will discuss this with Mary Warren, Director, and report in February.

United Methodist Women assembled in the meadow room at 9:30 for light refreshments, followed by a devotion led by Nancy Clark. President Linda Blain convened the business meeting at 10:00 a.m. It was devoted primarily to the business of planning activities for the new year.

Business:

Meeting dates for current year--

January 6, February 3, March 1 (p.m.), April 5, May 3, June 7 (p.m.), September 14, October 2, November 1 (p.m.), December 6 (p.m.). With the exception of March, June, November and December, the meetings will be held in the morning of each month. Circle 1 will host the retirement period for February 3. Nancy Clark will host the June 7 meeting. Dates for the remaining meetings will be announced later. Circle leaders were asked to make a selection for their groups.

Money requests --

The Council on Ministries took a large cut in their proposed budget, therefore that group needs additional funds to carry out proposed programs. The cuts from the church budget were taken in order for our church to pay our conference assessment.

District Congregations in Action depend on notes contributed by member churches to support their programs. It is thought that our assessment is about \$200.

It also has requests for funds to purchase overhead trays for Circle Health Center.

Support is needed for the Duke Book Team to purchase and for the Duke Mission school in Liberia.

It has been suggested that we assist the family that will be moving into the historic house which Duke Memorial is building.

Ann Stallings suggested that we might want to sponsor a child(ren) for Summer Day Camp.

Any Kelley asked for support for health, a group working toward the alleviation of hunger and ending the break between citizens and government.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to delay voting action until we learn more about DCI activities and funding, the potential amount of money we expect to have available, etc. Additional information will be provided at the February meeting.

Ann Clark reported that she is coordinating the WDU Circle at Mt. Mrs. Elizabeth Clark will serve as chair. Representatives from other churches in the District have agreed to assist with program.

For our March 1 meeting, Nancy Clark will provide a covered dish luncheon, held for by attendees.

Notes Merrill led discussion on the subject of birthday parties for the Community Life group. It was suggested that we might do this twice a year instead of monthly. Possibly have children from Week-Day School provide entertainment and various circles provide refreshments. Beth Latta, a board member of the Community Life group, will discuss this with Mary Warren, Director, and report in February.

Circle Reports --

Circle 3 in 1 - Martha Brown, Lucille Mortland

Meets first Monday in church parlor

37 members including 1 new one, 9 shut-ins

Projects:

Collected paper products for Durham Rescue Mission, sponsored one man for one day (\$8.14) at Durham Rescue Mission, provided one man's raincoat for DRM, presented \$25 Feed Lien gift certificate to DRM to purchase staples, collected 68 Campbell soup labels, 81 stamps, provided two Community Life birthday parties, served UMW luncheon in June, gave \$25 to Eugenia Dixon to buy towels to make bibs for Coble Health Center residents, made cookies for Holy-ween party, provided funds to Ann Clark to purchase gifts for MRH residents at Christmas. Total pledged - \$889 Paid \$888

Circle 2 - no report - meets second Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Circle 4 - meets third Sunday p.m. Charlotte Corbin, Chair

17 members including two shut-ins

Served UMW luncheon in April, assisted with VSB luncheon, provided one Community Life birthday party, provided gifts for Christmas at MRH

Circle 6 - Monika Bollinger, Chair meets third Wednesday at night

Provided table decorations at MRH in December, cookies for college students

Circle 7 - Doris Bridges, Chair - meets first Wednesday p.m. in homes

Regularly visits Mrs. Annie Wheeler, a shut-in

Circle 8 - Jean Weynand, Chair - meets third Tuesday in church parlor at 10:00 a.m.

28 active members, 4 inactive members, 6 shut-ins.

Pledged and paid \$799, contributed \$28 to Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, packed boxes of cookies and delivered to a long list of church shut-ins, provided \$262 to Methodist Mission Society to purchase shoes.

Programs: Study book on "The Lord's Prayer", had a special series on suffering, studied Women in Methodism, and one program on Habitat for Humanity

Circle 9 - Lucille Cranford, Chair - meets third Monday in homes

Eight members - primary project is Ronald McDonald House

Wesley Women - Amy Kellum and Leanne Gelinne, Co-Chairs - meets third Wednesdays in homes
Total members - 36

Projects: Served five Homeless Shelter Meals (every other month), two soup sales, clearing approximately \$1000 which will be used to assist the Habitat family when they move into new home

Methodist Retirement Home - Elizabeth Clay, Chair No formal report

A copy of Response Magazine is available in the Church library. Martha Brown will be glad to take subscriptions.

Betty Craig, member of Ways and Means, reminded that we will probably be asked to provide luncheon in April for Volunteer Service Bureau. We need to be thinking about this in order to respond. Some thought has been given to preparing a book of "Tooth Fairy stories, also Santa Claus and Easter Bunny. She would like contributions of such stories to see if this project is feasible. We also need additional tea towels in the kitchen - new or used. We need to remember the Holsinger family as the General is back at V. A. Hospital. Harriet Lyon is also ill, possibly with pneumonia.

Circle 1 in 1 - Martha Brown, Lucille Foxford
held first meeting in church parlor
17 members including 4 new ones, 2 absent

Collected paper products for Bureau Bureau Mission, sponsored one man for one day (\$8.75)
at Bureau Bureau Mission, provided one man's retirement for 1954, presented 252 food items
gift certificates to B.M. to purchase staples, collected 88 Campbell soup labels, 87 stamps,
provided two Community Life birthday parties, served 1000 luncheon in June, gave 50% to
Bureau Bureau to buy towels to make gifts for Bible League Center residents, made cookies
for Holy-ween party, provided funds to Ann Clark to purchase gifts for 1954 residents at
Christmas. Total pledged - \$2882 Paid \$888

Circle 2 - no report - meets second Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Circle 4 - meets third Sunday p.m. Charlotte Corbin, Chair
17 members including two absent

Served 750 luncheon luncheon, assisted with VSB luncheon, provided one Community Life
birthday party, provided gifts for Christmas at B.M.

Circle 6 - Bonnie Kollinger, Chair - meets third Wednesday at night
Provided table decorations at B.M. in December, cookies for college students

Circle 7 - Doris Rodgers, Chair - meets first Wednesday p.m. in homes
Monthly visits to L. Marie Wheeler, a student

Circle 8 - Jean Wehrman, Chair - meets third Monday in church parlor at 10:00 a.m.
28 active members, 4 inactive members, 6 absent
Pledged and paid \$100, contributed \$28 to Gift to Prayer and Self-Denial, packed boxes
of cookies and delivered to a long list of church students, provided \$265 to Methodist
Mission Society to pay church dues.

Program: Study book on "The Lord's Prayer", had a special service on Lenten,
studied women in Methodist, and one program on Habitat for Humanity

Circle 9 - Lucille Crawford, Chair - meets third Monday in homes
Eight members - primary project is Donald McDonald House

Wesley Women - My Kellum and Lillian Collins, Co-Chair - meets third Wednesday in homes
Total members - 30
Project: Served five homeless Shelter meals (every other month), two soup sales,
pledging approximately \$1000 which will be used to assist the Shelter family when they
move into new home

Methodist Retirement Home - Elizabeth Gray, Chair - no formal report

A copy of response regarding is available in the Church Library. Martha Brown will be
pleased to take suggestions.

Betty Craig, member of Ways and Means, mentioned that we will probably be asked to
provide luncheon in April for volunteer service women. We need to be thinking about
this in order to respond. Some thought has been given to preparing a book in "Book
of the Month" also Santa Claus and Easter Bunny. We would like contributions of each
member to see if this project is feasible. We also need additional tea towels for
the kitchen - new or used. We need to remember the volunteer family as the General is
back at V. A. Hospital. Hurst again is also ill, possibly with pneumonia.

Laurie Coffman asked for help in coordinating a church-wide mission study.

Ann Stallings expressed her thanks for visitation performed by UMW members.

Meeting adjourned approximately 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting - February 3 at 9:30 a.m. in Bradshaw Room

Circle 4 will provide refreshments.

Beulah Latta -
Beulah Latta, Recording Secretary

Laurie Collier asked for help in coordinating a church-wide mission study.
The following expressed her thanks for visitation performed by LW members.

Meeting adjourned approximately 11:30 a.m.
Next meeting - February 7 at 8:30 a.m. in Brethman Room
Circle 1 will provide refreshments.

Heather Latta, Recording Secretary